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- (1) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 889 420. Applicants note that this document was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on August 5, 2005; and
- (2) Chinese Patent Publication No. CN 1270361. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 6,345,252 is an English language family member document.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the above-noted foreign document (2) is attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. A copy of the U.S. Patent is not enclosed, in accordance with current Patent Office procedures. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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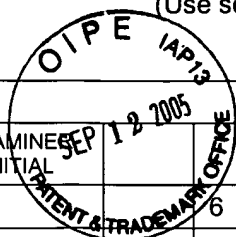
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